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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE XYZ ARTICLE, " AMERICANS REAL
AND FAKE" WHICH APPEARED IN THE PAKISTAN TIMES ON MAY 28, 1977.

2. QUOTE. ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE AMERICAN DIPLOMATS HERE
WHO OPERATED WITH A GREAT DEAL MORE AUTHORITY AND SELF-ASSURANCE
THAN HIS COUNSELLOR'S RANK WOULD NORMALLY ENTITLE HIM, HAS BEEN
WITHDRAWN BY HIS GOVERNMENT. MR. SCHAFER AND HIS DIPLOMAT
WIFE ARE BELIEVED TO BE GOING TO DELHI. THIS HUSBAND-WIFE
TEAM, IT MAY BE NOTED, HAS ARRIVED HERE FROM ISRAEL."

"IT WAS NOTED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE, DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS,
THAT MR. SCHAFER WAS GREATLY EXERCISED BY THE REPROCESSING
PLANT. A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS HE CORNERED A PAKISTANI

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AND THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION ENSUED."
"WHAT WOULD BE PAKISTANIS' REACTION IF FRANCE WERE TO
CANCEL THE AGREEMENT?"
'BUT I DON'T THINK FRANCE WOULD DO THAT', THE PAKISTANI
COUNTERED."
'WELL, SUPPOSING PAKISTAN WERE TO CANCEL IT?'
'FLABBERGASTED, THE PAKISTANI ASKED: 'DO YOU THINK MR. BHUTTO

WILL BACK OUT OF IT?"

'YES, HE WILL HAVE TO', WAS THE CONFIDENT ASSERTION."

"YOU MEAN, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL APPLY PRESSURE ON THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT?"

"YES MOST CERTAINLY".

"AS THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN UNFOLDED AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE START OF PNA'S CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE, MR. SCHAFER AND SEVERAL OF HIS COLLEAGUES BECAME EVEN BOLDER, MAKING NO SECRET OF THEIR OBJECTIVE OF GETTING MR. BHUTTO OUT.

APPARENTLY, HE WAS ONE OF THE TWO AMERICANS DIPLOMATS EXULTING ON THE TELEPHONE: 'THE PARTY IS OVER, HE IS OUT*'"

"KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT MR. SCHAFER MAY HAVE BEEN THE HEAD OF THE CIA IN PAKISTAN. BUT THEN, PAKISTAN MAY BE BLESSED BY THE 70 PERCENT RATIO OF CIA OPERATOR AMONGST THE DIPLOMATIC STAFF. SO ALL THE REST ARE STILL HERE, BUT SURELY THE OVER-ALL NUMBER OF AMERICANS SWARMING HERE, IN KARACHI AND LAHORE COULD BE REDUCED AND SO PROPORTIONATELY CURTAIL THE CIA'S CAPACITY FOR MISCHIEF."

"AT THE SAME TIME, SOME RESTRAINT HAS TO BE PLACED ON PAKISTANI AMERICANS WHO HAD SURFACED QUITE BOLDLY IN THOSE WEEKS WHEN PEOPLE LIKE RAHIM KHAN AND GUL HASAN HAD BEEN ADVISED' TO STAB PAKISTAN IN THE BACK.

AN EQUALLY DISGRACEFUL BEHAVIOR WAS DEMONSTRATED BY MANY OF THOSE WHO ENJOY THE PRIVILEGE OF DUAL PASSPORTS. SUCH PEOPLE INDULGE IN CRITICISM OF AND DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THEIR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE HOSTILE GOVERNMENTS' CONSPIRACY AGAINST PAKISTAN. SUCH PEOPLE SHOULD AT LEAST BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR PAKISTANI PASSPORTS, BECAUSE THEY, QUITE OBVIOUSLY, HAVE NO REGARD FOR THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORMER HOMELAND."

"ALTHOUGH NONE WOULD BELIEVE THAT SELF-EFFACEMENT IS ONE OF THE VICES AMERICANS SUFFER FROM, THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY CERTAINLY BELIES THIS POPULAR BELIEF; IN THE CASE OF THE LOCAL US EMBASSY AT LEAST. NONE OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ISLAMABAD SEEM HALF AS CONCERNED AS THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ABOUT ALL AND SUNDRY KNOWING THE NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS OF MOST OF THEIR OFFICERS. THE GREEN PAGES IN THE DIRECTORY MERELY MENTION THE LOCATION OF THE EMBASSY IN THE DEPLOMATIC ENCLAVE AND ALSO THE 19 JUNCTION LINES LINKING THE MISSION WITH THE WORLD BEYOND ITS COMPOUND WALL. IT COULD BE THAT SOME ANTI-US OFFICIAL IN THE TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE US DEPLOMATS." END QUOTE.

3. THE CHARGE HAS PERSONALLY DELIVERED A NOTE OF PROTEST (SEPTEL) TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.
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